STRAUGHN TROUT

a Grace Design Studio

Architecture that

Creates Community

JEFFERSON TERRACE ACADEMY

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Clients, Partners & Friends,

For 69 years, the talented architects and design professionals in our Lakeland office have been dedicated to shaping the built environment of our community with expertise, creativity, and an unwavering commitment to our clients. That commitment remains stronger than ever.

Embedded in the fastest-growing county within the nation's top state for incoming migration, our region is experiencing unprecedented development. In an effort to expand with our community, Straughn Trout Architects has officially merged with Grace Design Studios.

This strategic partnership expands our resources, strengthens our capabilities, and positions us for even greater success in the years ahead. This unification positions us to best serve our long-standing clients as they expand while also welcoming new markets, collaborators, and industry partners into our community.

While this marks a significant milestone in our firm's history, our core values remain unchanged. Our decision to join Grace Design Studios was driven by their alignment with our culture of excellence, integrity, and personalized service. You can continue to expect the same high-quality design expertise, responsiveness, and dedication from the team you know and trust. Our day-to-day operations will remain consistent, ensuring a seamless transition as we move forward together.

With the added strength and expanded resources of our newly merged firm, we are excited to offer broader expertise across project types and deliver even greater value to our clients. This partnership enhances our ability to support your vision while preserving the personal, client-focused approach that has always defined our work.

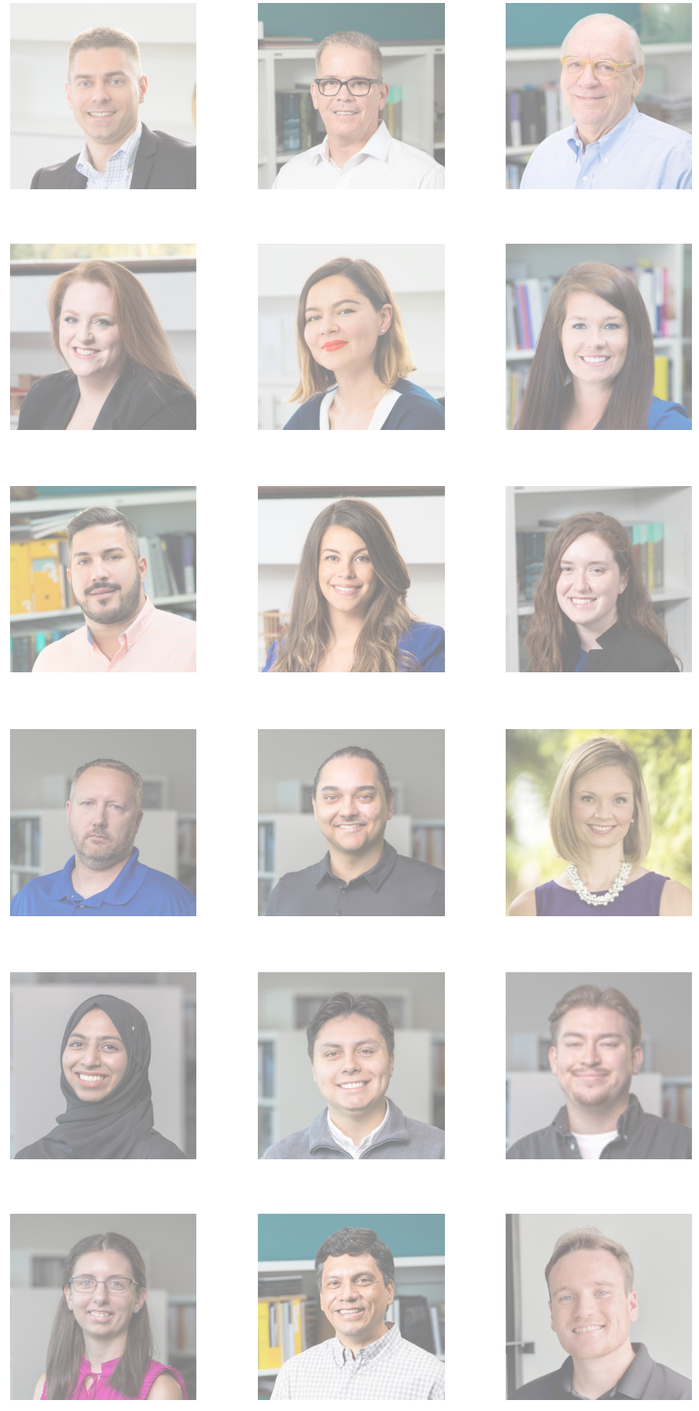
We are honored to continue serving you and look forward to building the future together. Thank you for your trust and support—we can't wait for what's ahead.

Sincerely,

Tim Hoeft, AIA
Partner, Office Leader

Jon Kirk, AIA
Principal

Jerry Trout, AIA
Senior Principal



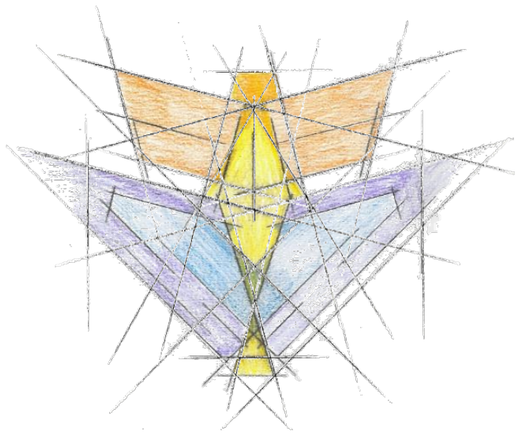
PAPAGO SCHOOL

PEOPLE-CENTRIC ARCHITECTURE

United under a shared vision to design spaces that inspire, connect, and enhance lives, Straughn Trout joins a collaboration of architects and designers with over a century of combined experience. As a Grace Design Studio, the firm will continue to leverage its people-centric philosophy and award-winning innovation, while adding a new layer of global thought leadership across a multitude of project typologies - better positioned to create architecture that balances beauty, functionality, and local impact.

Our architectural portfolio represents a legacy of design excellence and innovation. With projects valued at nearly $20 billion in construction, our work demonstrates a proven ability to deliver services that align with evolving trends in sustainability and innovation. Through a seamless synthesis of context, technology, and user experience, we create spaces that respond to evolving needs, fostering collaboration, sustainability, and resilience.

Operating from 22 office locations across the U.S., the firm provides an unmatched national presence with local insights. From healthcare systems and K-12 education to higher education, senior living, hospitality, and recreation, our integrated team delivers solutions that address unique client goals while shaping lasting contributions to communities. Our clients will benefit from a dynamic combination of creativity, fiscal responsibility, and a dedication to pushing the boundaries of architecture through experimentation and innovation. By integrating talent, resources, and a shared commitment to excellence, we offer unparalleled value, ensuring every project delivers beyond expectations.



PROCESS SKETCH FOR FL POLYTECH SDC

SERVICES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

Strategic & Master Planning
High Performance Design
Architecture
Interior Design
Commercial Furniture Procurement & Installation
Placemaking & Art Curation
AEC Forensics
Brand Activation & Graphics
Post-Occupancy Evaluations

BRIEF HISTORY

A MERGER OF VISION & EXPERTISE

Straughn Trout Architects, a Grace Design Studio is the result of a **powerful merger of** visionary firms, uniting over 100 years of combined expertise in architecture and design. As an internationally recognized and award-winning firm, we will continue to provide a comprehensive suite of services, including strategic and master planning, high-performance design, branding, and post-occupancy evaluation. Our collaboration expands our geographic reach, enhances our buying power, and infuses diverse design perspectives into every project. With office hubs strategically placed nationwide, our partnership is dedicated to advancing architecture through innovation, experimentation, and a steadfast commitment to improving life in every space we design. By embracing a people-centered approach to architecture, we ensure that our designs are not only aesthetically pleasing but also enrich the communities they serve. As has always been true with Straughn Trout, our expertise spans multiple sectors including education, government, sports & wellness, parks & recreation, arts & culture, healthcare, hospitality, adaptive resuse, and experiential design. This breadth allows us to cross-pollinate ideas and deliver transformative spaces that respond to the evolving needs of our clients and the communities we serve. United by shared values, Grace Design Studios will continue to lead in global thought leadership, drawing on strong client relationships and a rich legacy of design excellence to shape environments that truly reflect the needs and aspirations of those who use them.

COLLABORATIVE ADVANTAGES

ADVANCING EXPERTISE

Our recent merger broadens our expertise across healthcare, hospitality, and wellness design, ensuring our clients receive tangible, enhanced benefits. With a strengthened portfolio, we meet the evolving needs of these dynamic industries

CUSTOMIZED SOLUTIONS

Tailored designs that reflect the unique needs of the community.

PROTOTYPING AGILITY

Adaptive designs support seamless phasing and expansion based on community growth.

ENHANCED DESIGN EFFICIENCIES

Strategies that optimize functional spaces and staffing to meet workforce needs.

PLATFORM FOR WELLNESS

Community-centered spaces that foster health engagement and a holistic experience.

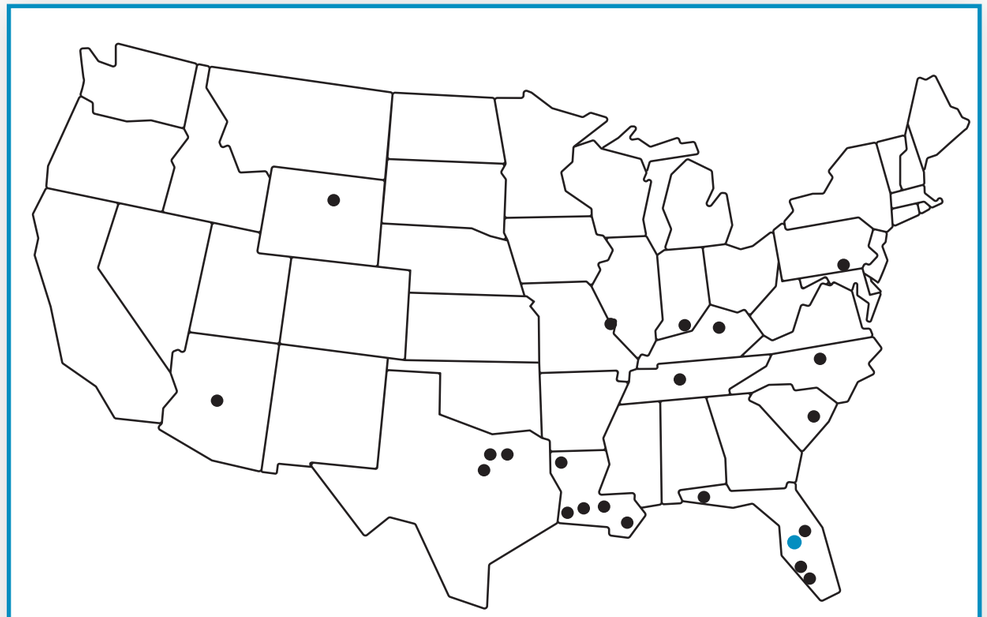
INNOVATIVE & SITE-SPECIFIC DESIGN

Expertise in regulatory navigation and clinical innovation for an advanced care environment.

PHASED BUDGET ADAPTABILITY

Thoughtful planning to meet fiscal responsibilities and uphold stewardship goals.

NATIONWIDE OFFICE LOCATIONS



12 STATES | 22 OFFICES | 425+ STAFF

ARIZONA
Phoenix, AZ

COLORADO
Denver, CO

KENTUCKY
Lexington, KY

NORTH CAROLINA
Pinehurst, NC

SOUTH CAROLINA
Charleston, SC

TEXAS
Dallas, TX
Fort Worth, TX
Irving, TX

MISSOURI
St. Louis, MO

MARYLAND
Baltimore, MD

LOUISIANA
Baton Rouge, LA
Lafayette, LA
Lake Charles, LA
New Orleans, LA
Shreveport, LA

INDIANA
Jeffersonville, IN

TENNESSEE
Nashville, TN

FLORIDA
Lakeland, FL
Fort Meyers, FL
Naples, FL
Orlando, FL
Pensacola, FL

TOP TIER

A firm is only as great as its clients.

We are proud to work with top-tier clients around the world, embracing each opportunity as a chance to learn, grow, and explore bold ideas across industries. Design excellence and thoughtful problem-solving drive our work, guided by a disciplined process that blends analysis, creativity, and collaboration.

Our award-winning team is known for delivering innovative solutions to complex challenges. Clients are active participants in the design journey through charrettes, workshops, and continuous engagement, resulting in outcomes that are both highly specific and deeply impactful.

Recognition from national and regional institutions, including Architect 50 and Architectural Record, affirms our commitment to quality, creativity, and leadership in design. But in the end, it's not about our story, but rather the success of the work we do together.

Our value is measured on how well we tell our clients' story, articulate their vision, and advance their mission.

Anheuser Busch
Bank of America
Merrill Lynch
Nakheel
Ripley Entertainment Inc.
Boeing
Morgan Stanley
IBM
Walt Disney
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Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts
The Palm
Universal
Continental Airlines
Harvard University
Boys & Girls Clubs of America
SeaWorld Adventure Parks
Fairmont Hotels & Resorts
Westin Hotels & Resorts
Cigna
Busch Gardens
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Sheraton Hotels & Resorts
Hyatt
AIG
Chase
Capital One
UMB
Vanderbilt University
Dignity Health
AT&T
CBRE
Mayo Clinic
BlueCross BlueShield
Wyndham Hotels and Resorts
Tenet Health
ASU
Hilton
Walmart
JLL
the YMCA
Banner Health

NEXT GEN
EDUCATION

CREIGHTON MONTE VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCAL LEGACY PARTNERSHIPS

- University of Florida
- Florida Polytechnic University
- Polk State College
- Florida Southern College
- Southeastern University
- Polk County Public Schools
- Lakeland Christian School
- Berkley Accelerated & Advanced Studies
- Victory Ridge Academy
- Magnolia Montessori Academy

PLEASANT GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Architecture can create and promote learning environments where students can be fully engaged. Students should not feel inhibited by barriers and physical or spatial limitations. Our goal is to make places that shape empathetic, self-motivated learners who will positively contribute to the world.

What was once the “typical” learning experience is no longer typical. Students and staff come from all walks of life and have high expectations of what they expect for their education environment. They demand a competitive academia that is required to achieve their degree or career goals, but they also deserve a level of engagement that will keep them coming back. Today’s students are bombarded with choices from competitors in all realms of the business of learning - searching for better ways to create authentic experiences that attract and hold the attention of their audiences.

DR. JOHN OCHSNER DISCOVERY HEALTH SCIENCES ACADEMY

OCHSNER CLINIC FOUNDATION

JEFFERSON, LA

The educational planning and design of the campus capitalizes on the organization's commitment to innovation and community building. The contemporary facility serves as a beacon for the surrounding neighborhood and meets a need for more STEM education in Louisiana. It features five learning communities. Each learning community is identifiable with distinct colors and wayfinding signage that give a neighborhood-like sense of identity between the differing grade levels of the school. Classrooms within the communities are organized in groupings of the same grade level to foster collaboration between different classes throughout the school day.

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JEFFERSON TERRACE ACADEMY

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

BATON ROUGE, LA

Inspired by the East Baton Rouge Parish School System’s goal to provide 21st Century Learning Environments, our team created a contemporary yet timeless facility to serve pre-K through eighth grade students. Diagrammatically, the school is divided into two buildings. The south building houses most administrative offices, pre-K and kindergarten classrooms, special education, common areas, music rooms and athletic spaces. Meanwhile, the north building contains learning studios, elective areas and a media hub. The two structures are connected by a secure courtyard that can facilitate learning activities as well as controlled movement between buildings. Outdoor spaces — including the courtyard and play areas — are defined by the buildings’ extents. This design internally focuses many of the school’s functions to impact the surrounding neighborhood as little as possible.

GREAT HEARTS CHARTER

GREAT HEARTS PROPERTIES LOUISIANA INC.

BATON ROUGE, LA

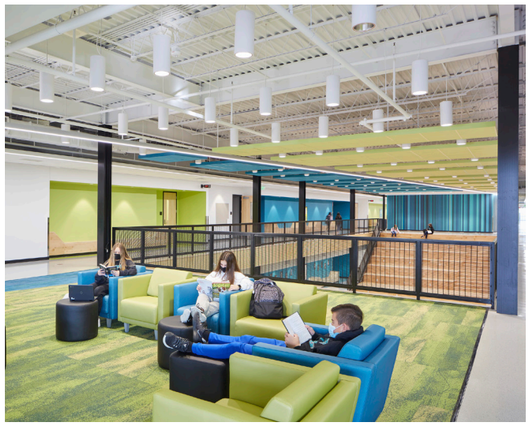
Great Hearts – Harveston is a new public charter school that will be completed in a two phase master plan. Phase 1 is a 76,600 SF two-level building that will serve grades K-7th. The project includes large classrooms, art and music rooms, a large MPR, a gym with competition basketball court and a stage that will be used for school assemblies and performances, and an outdoor covered terrace. A centrally located library sits at the heart of the school. The grand space of the library transitions into a central stair featuring a tiered learning environment at the first floor. The intent is to bring books into the front door and create learning opportunities in every available space of the school.

BLUFF MIDDLE SCHOOL

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

PRAIRIEVILLE, LA

In developing Bluff Road Middle School, Ascension Parish Public School System leaders envisioned a next generation learning environment that provides educational equity and supports new and traditional teaching techniques. To deliver on and enhance this vision, Grace worked closely with school leaders as well as students to bring all perspectives into the design process. In-depth and highly inclusive conversations and planning exercises — as well as a restrictive site — inspired a linear, two-story, open-concept school that accommodates 850 students in grades six through eight. The media center, student commons and elective rooms are located in the building's core and serve as integral hubs of collaboration and activity.



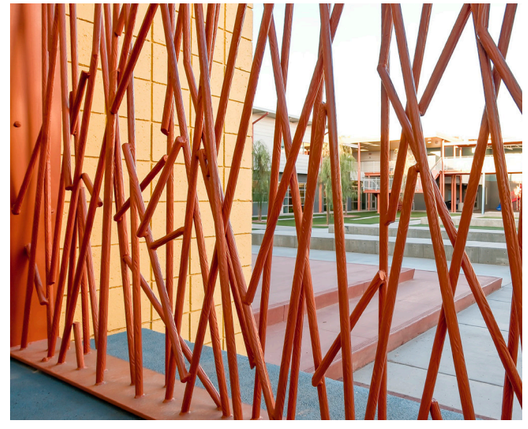
BLUFF MIDDLE SCHOOL

PAPAGO SCHOOL

CREIGHTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

PHOENIX, AZ

Originally built in 1953, Papago School in Phoenix is deeply rooted in the surrounding community, where generations of neighboring families attended the school. When the building became structurally obsolete, building a new school was seen as an opportunity to revitalize both the educational culture and the community. The Creighton School District administration felt it was necessary to portray an aesthetic that would be seen as a learning environment for the future. It was important that the new buildings be seen as a chance to start anew, rather than just replacement space. Developed with input from students, parents and school officials, the new school is made up of four main buildings with a courtyard in the middle. One building houses administrative offices and the middle school; one is home to kindergarten through third grade; the third has grades four through six; and the last building includes the gym and cafeteria, with an “offshoot” for the library and computer lab. Construction on the school began in February 2011 and was completed that December, in time for the spring 2012 semester.



COMPASS ROSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEGACY CAMPUS

COMPASS ROSE EDUCATION INC.

SAN ANTONIO, TX

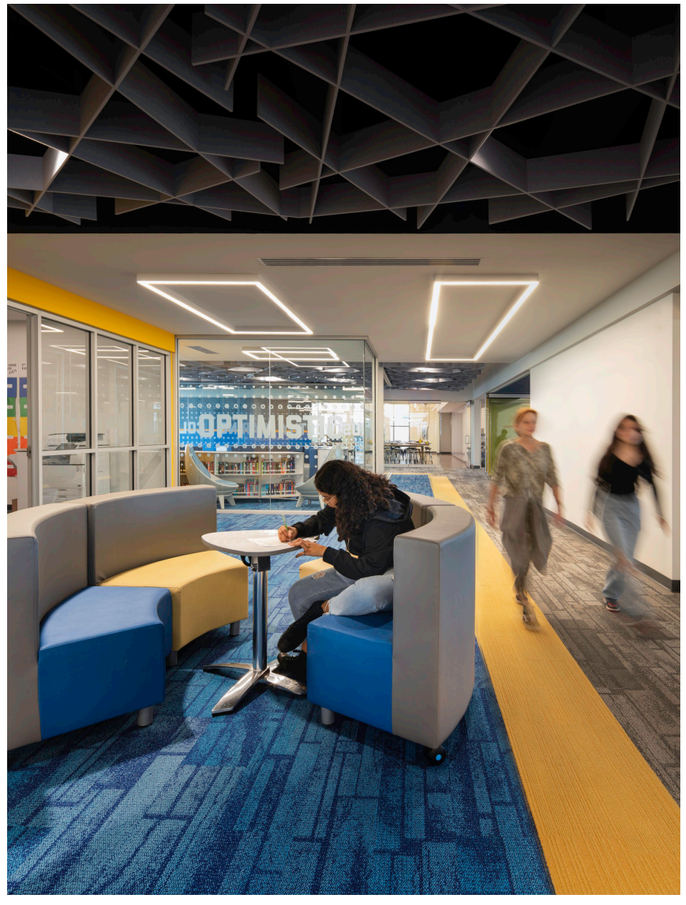
Compass Rose Legacy takes an entrepreneurial approach to instruction in supporting future business leaders. The school accommodates K-8 and high school students with a centralized theme of entrepreneurship. The Commons, designed to be a Shark Tank- like space, is where students come up with ideas, develop ideas and then present them to their teachers and class. Compass Rose Legacy Campus, Phase 2 is a K-5 classroom and athletics addition to the existing Legacy Campus. The addition includes administrative spaces for the primary school, additional classrooms, a shared STEM focused classroom, a gymnasium, and a warming kitchen to support the new school. The gymnasium will be shared with the existing High School on the Legacy Campus.

JOHN S. MCCAIN III ELEMENTARY

BUCKEYE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUCKEYE, AZ

At the turn of the 20th century, John Dewey reimagined education as a careful balance between delivering knowledge and fostering active inquiry. John S. McCain III Elementary School embraces this vision, providing opportunities for inquiry-based learning while embedding an architecture that supports social-emotional growth. The 95,000 SF C-STEM campus is organized into three learning communities, originally aligned with traditional grade bands but easily adaptable to ability-based cohorts centered on teacher-facilitated, student-directed pedagogies. These learner-centric environments offer flexible, multidimensional infrastructures that support brain-based learning modalities and promote collaboration across multiple scales. High-performance and biophilic design principles—including ample natural light, outdoor access, and a thoughtful balance of prospect and refuge—enhance occupant wellness and lay a strong foundation for higher-order learning. Senator McCain's life, legacy, and ethics are woven throughout the school via a computationally driven branding strategy, offering students a developmental framework to explore throughout their academic journey.



JOHN S. MCCAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MODERNIZATION OF

SOUTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

POLK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LAKELAND, FL

Located in the heart of Lakeland, Florida, Southwest Middle School (SWMS) prides itself on tradition and a deep sense of community. The school, founded in 1956, is home to more than 900 students annually. The Southwest Middle School Campus Modernization master plan will increase student capacity by 30%. The new campus will enrich student lives by creating safe and secure learning environments (both inside and out) while utilizing technology to support student engagement. The campus features two prominent buildings designed around a centralized student community space, which frames views of the existing mature oak grove to the north. Additional site amenities include new parent parking + student pick-up and drop-off areas, a new bus loop, and a lighted track and field. The two-story tilt-up structure spans more than 183,000 SF. Program components include the following: administrative offices, a media center, classrooms, laboratories, a fine arts suite, a cafetorium, and an outdoor covered dining area. Each program area (as well as the adjoining tertiary spaces) were carefully considered to create spaces that cultivate a positive student experience and increase student achievement. This innovative campus design allows for the complete construction of the new campus structures without disrupting existing campus operations whatsoever, which will allow for a seamless transition.

BASIS SAN ANTONIO SHAVANO CAMPUS

BASIS TEXAS CHARTER SCHOOLS

SAN ANTONIO, TX

BASIS San Antonio’s Shavano Campus is a 65,000 SF charter school teaching 1,100 kids from grades 6 -12. The building sits atop a hill overlooking the beautiful San Antonio scenery. The placement of the building on the site was sensitive to the surrounding landscape and made sure to salvage as many trees as possible through construction. The school uses natural daylight and high-performance classrooms as a concept to enhance student learning. Also, the building was designed to have an ultra-efficient HVAC system to keep cooling costs low and to be more sustainable. The exterior design of the school plays to the BASIS language, while introducing site specific elements for its context.

HYNES UNO CHARTER SCHOOL

FRIENDS OF HYNES

NEW ORLEANS, LA

Inspired by Hynes Charter Schools' long-standing record of academic excellence, our firm worked closely with teachers and staff to develop a student-centered learning environment to serve kindergarten through eighth grade students. Diagrammatically, the school is divided into two buildings. The south building houses administrative offices, classrooms, special education, and media center spaces. Meanwhile, the north building contains enrichment classrooms and commons areas. The two structures are connected by a secure covered pavilion that facilitates learning activities as well as movement between buildings. The interiors were inspired by Hynes' focus on STEAM and were designed through a play on words, "STEM from Nature", creating engaging settings for discovery and development. Nestled between the bustling academic powerhouses of Ben Franklin High School and the University of New Orleans, the new Hynes UNO campus creates the optimal setting for its anticipated 900+ students to thrive and grow throughout their pivotal developmental years.

WHAT'S GROWING?
Top Agricultural Products in LOUISIANA
BROILERS $863M
SOYBEANS $701M
RICE $428M
COTTON LINT, UPLAND $104M
SWEET POTATOES $47M
SUGARCANE $751M
CORN $500M
CATTLE & CALVES $240M
CHICKEN EGGS $100M
STATE TREE: BALD CYPRESS
STATE MAMMAL: LOUISIANA
STATE FLOWER: MAGNOLIA
STATE BIRD: BROWN PELICAN
Louisiana has the TALLEST state capitol in the United States
DID YOU KNOW?
Louisiana's wetlands comprise about 40% of the U.S.'s continental wetlands and include the largest contiguous wetland system in the lower 48 states. The state's wetlands include swamps and marshes. Swamps are areas that hold water and have woody vegetation.
Husky Chocolosos Bingo
Thank You Ms Bridges
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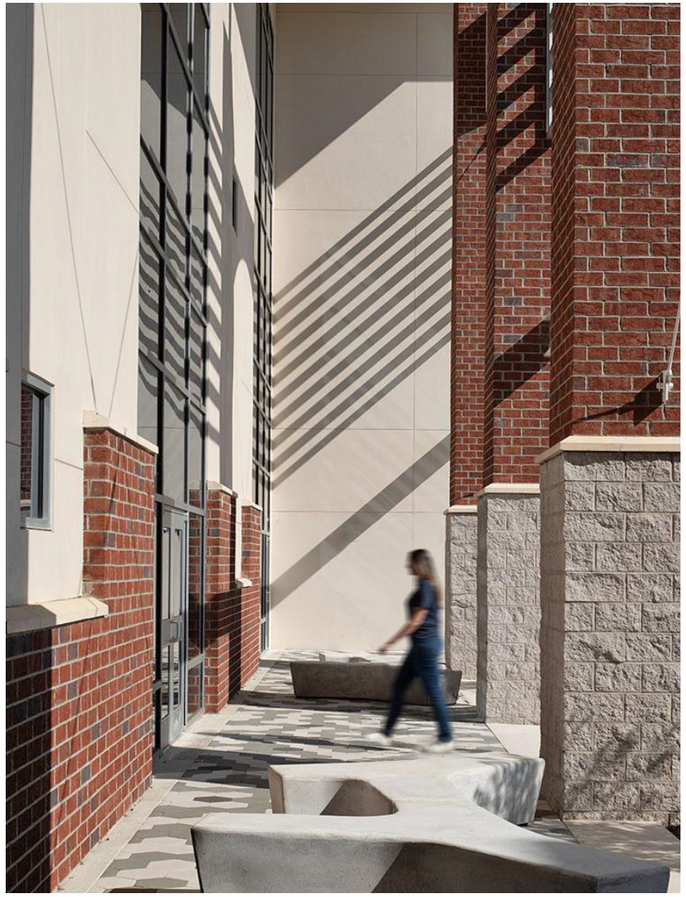
HYNES UNO CHARTER SCHOOL



MULTIPLE PROJECTS OF

LAKELAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

LAKELAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

LAKELAND, FL

With a 70+ year legacy in the community, Lakeland Christian School has undergone a transformative campus-wide development guided by a long-term master plan. For over 24 years, Straughn Trout—now a Principal at Grace Design Studios—has collaborated with the school on multiple phases of this plan. Initial conceptual work began in 2000, with City Commission approval secured in 2003. Since then, more than 25,000 SF of renovations and additions have shaped the evolving campus. The recently completed 42,000 SF Mike & Mary Sligh High School Building is a key project within the Phase II Campus Master Plan. Positioned as a west campus bookend, it frames the central green and integrates seamlessly with the existing architectural language. The facility includes STEM labs, general classrooms, faculty and career counseling offices, a multi-purpose teaching space, student commons, lockers, and outdoor gathering areas. A covered elevated walkway connects the second level to adjacent RISE program facilities, promoting continuity across academic zones. The site design preserved five mature cypress trees, transforming a utilitarian space into a vibrant entry sequence to the RISE garden.

BASIS PFLUGERVILLE

BASIS TEXAS CHARTER SCHOOLS

PFLUGERVILLE, TX

BASIS Pflugerville will be constructed in two phases, seamlessly connected through a central administrative and lobby zone, serving as the heart of the campus. The building design emphasizes functionality, security, and a stimulating learning environment through a modern aesthetic and efficient layout. The school will feature three multipurpose rooms, a full gymnasium, a black box theater, and state-of-the-art science labs. The exterior design utilizes a mix of warm-toned panels and vertical metal siding that provides a sense of rhythm and material contrast, while the prominent glass entry façade framed in bold blue steel offers a transparent, welcoming front door to the community. Outdoor play areas and green spaces, designed with synthetic turf for durability, are safely enclosed and directly accessible from the classrooms, encouraging outdoor activity and social interaction. Inside, the building continues its contemporary language with high ceilings, exposed structural elements, and an abundance of natural daylight. The double-height entry lobby features floor-to-ceiling glazing, suspended pendant lighting, and bright, durable finishes that create a sense of openness and energy. Once both phases are complete, grades K–4 will occupy the first floor of the entire school, while grades 5–12 will be located on the second floor, ensuring an age-appropriate learning environment tailored to developmental needs.

PERCY L. JULIAN SCHOOL

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL DISTRICT

PHOENIX, AZ

Roosevelt School District is one of the oldest in Maricopa County, having been established in 1912. Like the district, it has a rich history of agriculture, with several of the original Hohokam canals having been used to provide water for various crops and several flower farms. But like other areas of the Valley, that aspect has all but disappeared and been taken over by residential and industrial development. The concept looked to retain some of that history by incorporating features such as texture, color and patterns from the agricultural past and using them to teach students about their local history. At Percy L. Julian School, we were given the unique opportunity to reinvent two existing and aging campuses. New buildings were built on the existing fields while the old buildings (except the existing multipurpose buildings) were demolished, and new fields were built in their place. Students would be kept safe while construction is underway, staff members were kept aware of miscellaneous utility shutdowns, and the Contractor kept interruptions to the educational process to a minimum.

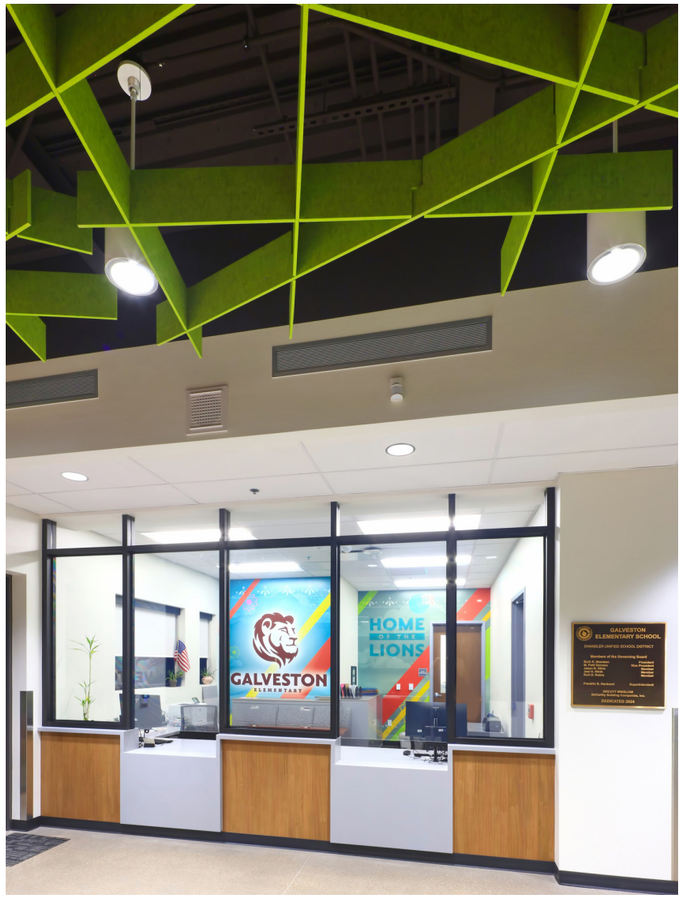
PERCY L. JULIAN SCHOOL

GALVESTON ELEMENTARY

CHANDLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 80

CHANDLER, AZ

Galveston Service Learning Academy is one of Chandler USD's oldest campuses and was in need of a complete rebuild. After a series of forums with teachers, administrators, and parents, we composed a list of attributes to best serve the students and community. The PK-6 design features a community model that allows the school to transition over time from an age-based to a competency-based instructional model. Service learning is the core thematic element that will provide the catalyst for students to engage with challenges in their community, which will be processed into meaningful solutions. The new 72,000 SF school was built on the fields on the east side of the existing Galveston Elementary School with construction slated over two sequential phases on an occupied campus without disruption of the academic year.



RECREATION & COMMUNITY

LAKE CRAGO OUTDOOR RECREATION COMPLEX

LOCAL LEGACY PARTNERSHIPS

- Theatre Winter Haven
- Talbot House Ministries
- Lighthouse Ministries
- United Way of Central Florida
- Louisiana State Unviersity
- AdventHealth
- Central Florida Development Council
- Lakeland Chamber of Commerce
- Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce
- City of Lakeland

ADVENTHEALTH WINTER HAVEN FIELD HOUSE

Communal parks, plazas, civic centers, and recreational facilities shape how people interact, move, and feel a sense of belonging. These places support everyday life, offering opportunities for play, rest, celebration, and connection across generations and cultures. Our goal is to design environments that reflect and strengthen the identity of a community, while promoting wellness and shared experience.

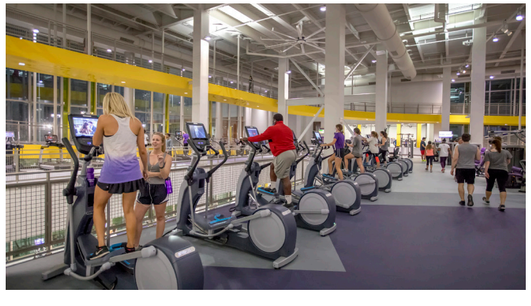
Today's public spaces are expected to do more. They must serve as both civic anchors and recreational destinations—welcoming, inclusive, and adaptable to diverse needs. In an increasingly complex world, these spaces offer clarity: they bring people together, support active lifestyles, and inspire a deeper connection to place. Whether it's a neighborhood gathering spot or a regional greenway, we design with intent to build stronger, more connected communities.

LSU RECREATION COMPLEX

LSU FACILITY PLANNING & CONTROL

BATON ROUGE, LA

Designed under the philosophy of “healthy buildings for healthy bodies,” the renovation and expansion of the Louisiana State University Student Recreation Center breathes new life into the once dated facility, juxtaposing existing architectural elements with modern and dynamic design components. The project, which spanned 279,000 square feet, provided much-needed facilities for fitness, leisure, wellness, aquatic and outdoor adventure in a sustainable, flexible environment. Drawing inspiration from the University’s “Learn. Play. Succeed.” guiding vision, the design promotes and encourages an inclusive environment for the campus’ diverse population through an open-plan concept and fitness neighborhoods. In addition to 40,430 square feet of cardio and weight room space, the facility offers six group fitness studios, a 38-foot-high climbing wall and bouldering area, five multipurpose courts, three multi-activity court gyms and a functional training area. A 1/4-mile indoor elevated track winds through the space like an LSU Tiger tail and incorporates an inclined sprint track. The multi-phased project was designed in association with HOK.



LSU RECREATION COMPLEX

BILL SIMON FIELD HOUSE

PRINCIPIA SCHOOL

ST. LOUIS, MO

The Bill Simon Field House provides a significant and welcoming building at the front door of campus. The new facility corrects long-standing scheduling conflicts between athletics and physical education, and supports team-building, a core component of the Principia experience. The new Field House, named in honor of a beloved coach, is nestled between the football stadium to the south, tennis complex to the west, and three multi-use athletic fields to the north. The light-filled, 2-story lobby includes an overlook to the Performance Gymnasium below; this feature takes advantage of the sloping site on the east side of the building. The Gymnasium has retractable bleacher seating for 690, and is striped with two cross-courts for simultaneous use. Game-day prefunction space includes an outdoor patio, catering kitchen and concessions. The Field House has three practice courts surrounded by a 4-lane running track with a 200M turn radius.

ADVENTHEALTH FIELDHOUSE & CONFERENCE CENTER

CITY OF WINTER HAVEN

WINTER HAVEN, FL

In partnership with Polk County Sports Marketing, the City of Winter Haven engaged our team to lead the redesign of the 69-acre Chain of Lakes Park. The initial phase of the master plan involved renovating and expanding the existing Chain of Lakes Complex to create the AdventHealth Fieldhouse and Conference Center. Strategically located along U.S. Route 17 and Cypress Gardens Boulevard, the facility serves as a prominent gateway to Winter Haven. We also provided architectural services for the second phase of development including four collegiate baseball fields and other park amenities. This project exemplifies a successful multi-stakeholder partnership, transforming a developed site into a modern, multi-functional venue that enriches the community and stimulates economic growth. The Fieldhouse features a 58,400-square-foot multi-use gymnasium designed to accommodate various sports, including basketball and volleyball tournaments, as well as conventions and large banquets. The building was designed with a dedicated entrance and secure office, locker room spaces for the Lakeland Magic (who recently relocated to Osceola County) to serve as their official training facility.

ADVENTHEALTH FIELDHOUSE AND CONFERENCE CENTER

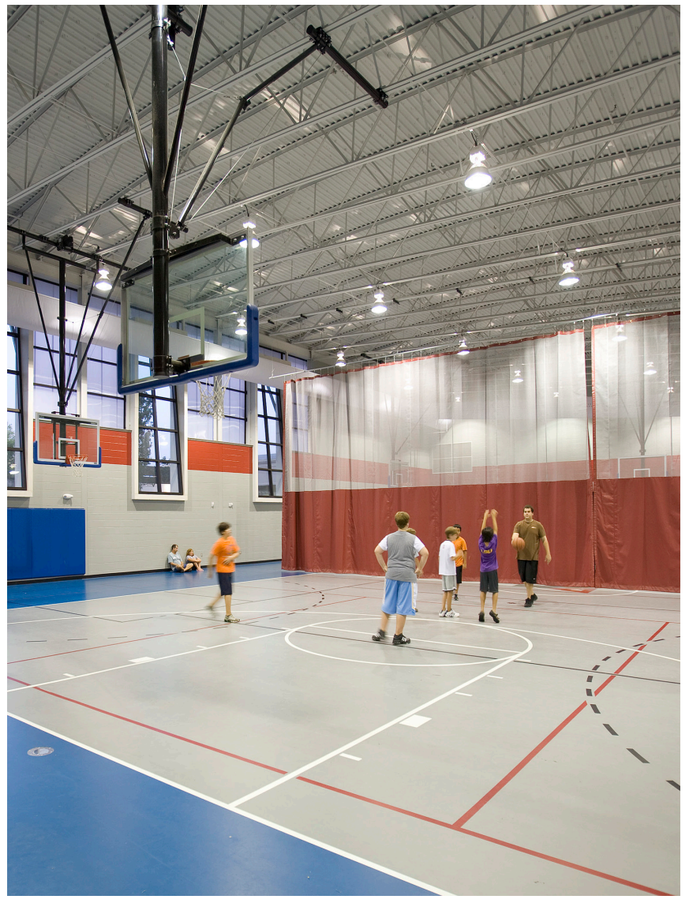
PAULA G. MANSHIP YMCA

PAULA G. MANSHIP YMCA

BATON ROUGE, LA

The Paula G. Manship YMCA was envisioned as a prototype for future YMCA facilities nationwide, setting a precedent in flexibility, functionality, and community impact. Designed to evolve alongside the needs of its members, the facility demonstrates a phased approach to development that accommodates both immediate programming and long-term growth. Phase I of the project opened in June 1997, establishing a strong foundation with core amenities including an equipment room, aerobics studio, aquatics center, and dedicated men's and women's locker rooms. The spatial planning prioritized flow and accessibility, creating an intuitive experience for members of all ages and abilities.

Over time, the facility has expanded to support a broader range of recreational and social programming. Additions such as a challenge course, second pool, and sand volleyball court enhance outdoor activity options, while the Daniel B. Heard Highland Club, a 3,500 sq. ft. teen center, reflects a commitment to youth engagement and dedicated spaces for age-specific programming. The gymnasium, completed in May 2008, further extends the center's capacity with full basketball courts and an integrated fitness center. Collectively, these additions reinforce the YMCA's mission of promoting health, wellness, and community through accessible, thoughtfully designed environments.



LAKE CRAGO OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL CENTER

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Eloquently composed to promote harmony with the natural landscape, this design encourages purposeful interaction with the site, cultivating physical wellness through recreational activities and psychological benefits via sensory experiences. Expansive lake views are a distinct characteristic of each room along the North wall. The covered porch provides a space for visitors to enjoy and relax. The porch orientation takes advantage of lake breezes, providing a natural cooling system to combat predictable Florida humidity. The outdoor recreation complex contains a multi-purpose room for 150 people, an adjoining serving kitchen, storage room, two classrooms, a secured locker area, a lobby / reception area, offices, a covered porch, and associated support spaces. An outdoor classroom / gathering area with amphitheater-style seating is located facing the lake, and near a detached 1,200 SF boathouse. The boathouse houses kayaks, paddle boards, and other rental items for on-site water sport activities. The project site also contains a floating dock connected to accessible ramped pathways for lake access.

LAKE CRAGO OUTDOOR RECREATION COMPLEX

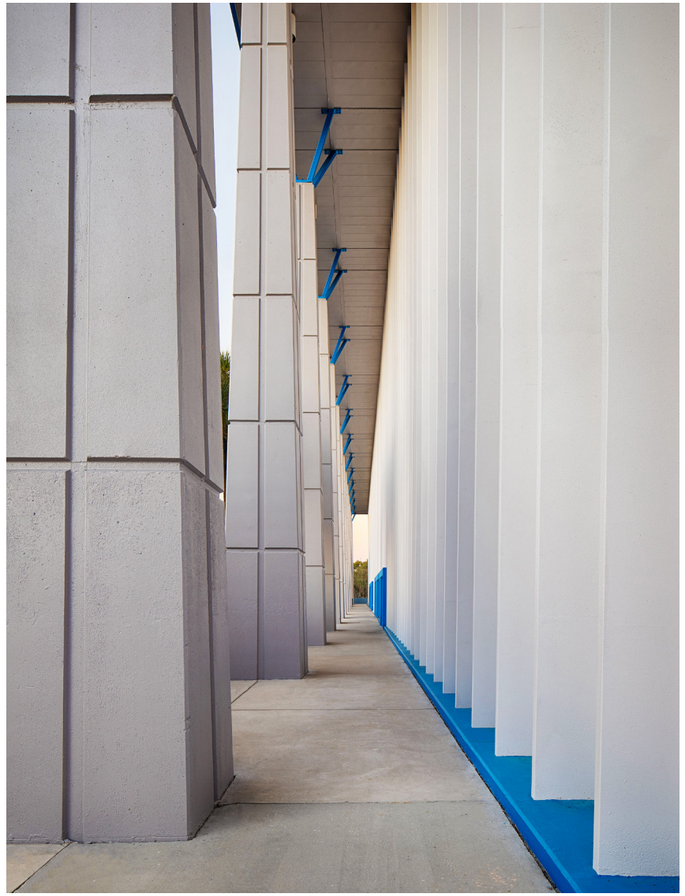
RENOVATIONS TO THE

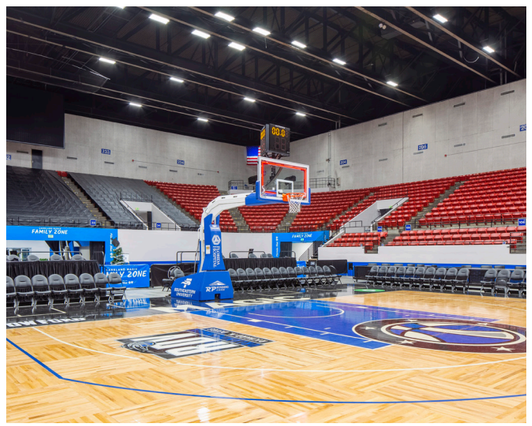
RP FUNDING CENTER

CITY OF LAKELAND

LAKELAND, FL

This project involved design services for renovations at the RP Funding Center (RPFC), formerly known as the Lakeland Center. The facility, which includes Jenkins Arena, Sikes Hall, and Youkey Theater, was originally built in 1974, with expansions such as the Exhibit Hall, Box Office, Administration Building, and Lake Hunter added in 1996. As a vital part of Lakeland's cultural fabric, the RPFC hosts a diverse range of events and entertainment. To meet a tight schedule for the Lakeland Magic's inaugural season, the project was divided into two phases. Phase one included new offices for the Lakeland Magic's front office, locker room upgrades to accommodate a professional basketball team, and audio-visual enhancements to the Arena, enabling national game broadcasts and improving the overall event experience. In addition to these phases, the project included ADA renovations to all toilet rooms, addressing long-awaited upgrades to better support the variety of programming within the facility.





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